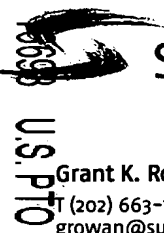


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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

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Re: Application of HAYAKAWA, Hitoshi, NAKA, Takahiro, FUKASAWA, Shigenori
INK-JET RECORDING APPARATUS
Assignee: SEIKO EPSON CORPORATION
Our Ref: Q79166

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Continuation Application of pending prior Application No. 09/836,388 (Confirmation No. 7163) filed April 18, 2001 of HAYAKAWA, Hitoshi, NAKA, Takahiro, FUKASAWA, Shigenori entitled INK-JET RECORDING APPARATUS.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, 9 sheet(s) of drawings, and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 2853.

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

This is a continuation of Application No. 09/836,388 filed April 18, 2001; the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	2000-116135	April 18, 2000
Japan	2000-275965	September 12, 2000

The priority document(s) were filed in parent Application No. 09/836,388.



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The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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